CAPSULE SUMMARY

Greenland (CH: 529) 9905 Springhill Newtown Road

Charles County, Maryland

The dwelling at 9905 Springhill Newtown Road stands on a tract of land that has historically been

known as Greenland since 1737. John Hanson, Jr. (1681-1754) purchased several parcels of land

in the 1720s and 1730s, combining them to form the 755-acre plantation. The 755-acre property

was subsequently divided and Henry Massey Hanson purchased the parcel of land on which

Greenland stands in 1794 for 186 pounds, 10 shillings. Aside from a two-year period in the

1830s, the property remained in the Hanson family until 1872, when a two hundred acre parcel

and the house were sold to Patrick A. Murphy for 7,500 dollars.

Based on materials, form, and design, the house appears to date from circa 1800. The main block

of the house has undergone substantial alterations in the mid-20th century, resulting in the current

Colonial Revival style Cape Cod dwelling, which is one-and-a-half stories in height and three

bays in width. Set on a rebuilt concrete block foundation, the wood frame dwelling is currently

clad in vinyl siding. According to the owner, the building features brick nogging at the corners of

a log structure. On the east elevation, there is a massive exterior end chimney with random two-,

three-, and four-course American bonding. A one-story addition with an exterior end chimney

sits on the west elevation of the house. An interior end chimney rises from the steeply pitched

roof. The side gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles and is pierced by front gable dormers. There

are seven historic outbuildings and two ruins associated with Greenland. Contemporary to the

house are two, circa 1800 log buildings, presumed to have served originally as a smokehouse and

a kitchen.

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Applicable Nat	ional Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more criteria qualifying the property for National
A	Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
В	Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
_X C	Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
<u>X</u> D	Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.
Criteria Consid	derations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)
A	owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
В	removed from its original location.
C	a birthplace or a grave.
D	a cemetery.
E	a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F	a commemorative property.
G	less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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The house, known as Greenland, is located at 9905 Springhill ... Newtown Road. Based on materials, form, and design, the house appears to date from circa 1800.1 The main block of the house has undergone substantial alterations in the mida-20th resulting in the current Colonial Revival style Cape Cod dwelling, which is one-and-a-half stories in height and three bays in width. Set on a rebuilt concrete block foundation, the wood frame dwelling is currently clad in vinyl siding. According to the owner, the building features brick nogging at the corners of a log structure.2 On the east elevation, there is a massive exterior end chimney with random two-, three-, and four-course American bonding. A one-story addition with an exterior end chimney sits on the west elevation of the house. An interior end chimney rises from the steeply pitched roof. The side gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles and is pierced by front gable dormers. Set back from the road on a long, dirt driveway, the house is surrounded by plowed At the front of the house, there is small path leading from the driveway to the front door. This path is framed by a large, overgrown boxwood hedge.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The façade, or north elevation, is three bays in width with a one bay wide addition to the west side. The first story of the main block is dominated by a centered entry with a Colonial Revival style entry surround. The surround features pilasters and a molded wood lintel. The single leaf door is paneled wood with two lights. Framing the centered entry are two 8/8 vinyl windows with square edged vinyl surrounds. The windows have snap-in vinyl muntins. Three front gable dormers that are clad in vinyl siding dominate the half story. Each dormer holds a 6/6 vinyl window. The dormers were added when the house was altered, thus creating a Cape Cod form. The one-story addition sits on a concrete block foundation and, like the main block, features vinyl siding and a side gable roof that is clad in asphalt shingles. It is pierced by paired 6/6 vinyl windows.

¹ Building materials and form indicate that the house was constructed in the early part of the 19th century, however a sign, erected by the owners, indicates a date of *circa* 1867.

² Telephone conversation with Kathryn Smith, former Architectural Historian for Charles County, February 23, 2000.

³ Based on conversations with Kathryn Smith, who gained interior access to the building, the window openings were relocated and enlarged to accommodate the current vinyl sash windows.

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The first story of the west elevation is obscured by the one-story frame addition. The exterior end chimney of the addition is constructed of stretcher bond brick with a corbeled cap. It is framed by two 6/6 vinyl windows. Like the windows on the façade, these have snap-in muntins and vinyl, square-edged surrounds. There are also two 1/1 metal windows at the southwest corner of the addition. The second story of the main block is pierced by two 6/6 vinyl windows, like those found on the first story of the addition. Set high in the steeply pitched gable end, there is a narrow, sixlight casement window that appears to be original.

The first story of the rear or south elevation features two pairs of 6/6 vinyl windows with square-edged vinyl surrounds and snap-in muntins. The second story is dominated by the large shed dormer that extends across the width of the main block. Mimicking the paired openings at the first story, there are two sets of paired windows in the shed dormer. The paired windows, like most of the windows in the house, feature square edged vinyl surrounds and snap-in muntins. They flank a single 6/6 vinyl window that is slightly shorter than the paired windows. The south elevation of the one-story addition features two 1/1 metal windows at the southwest corner and two single leaf doors. Three concrete steps lead to a metal storm door, while the six-panel metal door is set flush with the ground.

The east elevation is dominated by the original massive exterior end brick chimney. The shouldered chimney is laid in a random American bond of two-, three-, and four-courses. Unlike the majority of windows in the house, most of the window openings on this elevation appear to be original, retaining their small, narrow size. However, many of the windows have been replaced and feature square-edged vinyl surrounds and snap-in muntins. Flanking the chimney at the first story are two narrow window openings with new 4/4 vinyl windows. Two concrete steps lead to a metal single leaf door with four panels and a semi-circular fixed window to the north of the chimney. The second story also features a small, window opening to the south side of the chimney with a new 4/4 vinyl window. When alterations were made to the dwelling in the mid-20th century, a larger, window opening was cut in the second story of the east elevation, containing a 6/6 vinyl window. Like the west elevation, the original six-light casement window remains in the gable end.

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SUPPORTING BUILDINGS:

There are seven historic outbuildings and two ruins associated with Greenland. Contemporary to the house are two, circa 1800 log buildings, presumed to have served originally as a smokehouse and a kitchen. The one-story, one bay wide smokehouse sits on a post-and-beam foundation that is partially infilled with random rubble stone and partially built into the hillside. Constructed of hand-hewn square logs, the smokehouse features a half-dovetail notch with some remains of lime chinking and whitewash. A single leaf door has been removed from the east elevation, while, the vertical board wood door on the southern gable end remains. The smokehouse is covered by a corrugated metal gable roof and the gable end is clad in wood weatherboard.

The log kitchen sits to the southwest of the dwelling. It has been suggested the kitchen was moved to this location from the east side of the dwelling. The kitchen currently sits on a concrete foundation. Constructed of hand-hewn square logs, the building features full dovetail notching, one of the tightest, but most time consuming construction techniques. The gable end is clad in wood weatherboard and the front gable roof features corrugated metal cladding. The single leaf door, set in the northern gable end, has been removed. The kitchen features a loft in the upper half story. The beams, like the exterior construction, are hand-hewn, while the floorboards feature circular saw marks.

To the rear of the house, there are five outbuildings dating to the early part of the 20th century. The one-story, two-bay wide poultry shelter is constructed of wood frame with a corrugated metal shed roof. Clad in vertical board, there are two rectangular openings on the south elevation. A simple vertical board door is set in the east elevation, allowing access to the interior of the chicken coop. The two-story, two bay deep tobacco barn features a standing seam metal gambrel roof. Two double leaf vertical board doors pierce the east elevation. Constructed of wood frame, the barn is clad in vertical board with top-hinged wall vents. The wall vents allow for air circulation, which promotes the drying of the tobacco. The granary is raised on a concrete block pier foundation. One story in height and one bay in width, the granary

⁴ This information was received from Kathryn Smith, who spoke with the owner at the time of her site visit.

⁵ Bruce D. Bromberger, "The Preservation and Repair of Historic Log Buildings," *Preservation Brief* 26, (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of the Interior, 1991), p. 5.

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is clad in vertical board wood siding. It has a single leaf, vertical board wood door that is elevated above ground level. The front gable roof, clad in standing seam metal, features exposed rafter tails. There is a small shed to the rear of the house that is one story in height and one bay in width. Clad in wood weatherboard, the shed is entered through a single leaf, vertical board wood door. The front gable roof features a ridgepole and is clad in standing seam metal. Lastly, there is a one-story, one-bay wide garage. The wood frame building is clad in wood weatherboard and features a front gable roof. The roof is clad in asphalt shingles and is in a state of deterioration. The garage door has been removed from the building.

In the fields to the east of the house, there are two sets of ruins. They both feature building parts heaped in large piles. There is evidence of a standing seam metal roof in the northernmost pile of rubble. The use and construction date of the buildings was not discernable.

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______ The dwelling at 9905 Springhill Newtown Road stands on a tract of land that has historically been known as Greenland since 1737. John Hanson, Jr. (1681-1754) purchased several parcels of land in 1720s and 1730s, combining them to form the 755-acre plantation. There were three dwellings known to have been standing on the plantation by the end of the 18th century, however, it is not discernable whether Greenland is one of those houses. Known to have been constructed by this time was The Exchange (CH-299), a circa 1778 dwelling with a gambrel roof and two exterior end chimneys. The Exchange, also known as the New Exchange, was built for Walter Hanson and lies to the northwest of Greenland. 6 The 755acre property was subsequently divided and Henry Massey Hanson purchased the parcel of land on which Greenland stands in 1794 for 186 pounds, 10 shillings. Aside from a two-year period in the 1830s, the property remained in the Hanson family until 1872, when a two hundred acre parcel and the house were sold to Patrick A. Murphy for 7,500 dollars.

Constructed circa 1800 on the road from Port Tobacco to Newtown, this single dwelling illustrates the prevalence of the farmhouse in southern Maryland during the early-19th century. Dwellings from this period are typically one-and-a-half stories in height and two or three bays in width. They generally feature exterior end brick chimneys and steeply pitched side gable roofs. The interior of the dwellings often feature hall and parlor plans, with the primary entry asymmetrically placed.

This house also reflects patterns of agrarian development in southern Maryland during the early-19th century. Tobacco was the primary crop grown by most farmers in both Charles and Prince George's Counties. The cultivation of tobacco was so successful that even the poorest of farmers acquired sufficient capital to purchase cattle, horses, swine, and sheep. For the more successful tobacco farmer, the plantation system and the use of slavery was heavily relied upon. The tobacco farmed at Greenland was likely taken to the tobacco warehouse in Port Tobacco for inspection. During the early 19th-century, roads were developed, leading from large plantations to port towns. Deeds indicate that Greenland stood on the south side of the main road from Port Tobacco to Newtown. Port Tobacco was appointed as a tobacco inspection site

⁶ J. Richard Rivoire, *Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland*, (La Plata: Southern Maryland Studies Center, 1990), p. 92.

⁷ Charles County Land Records, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

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in 1669 by the Maryland General Assembly. Later established as an official port of entry, Port Tobacco became the social, cultural, and commercial center of Charles County. Tobacco continued to be the dominant force in the agriculture and economy of Charles County as the 19th century progressed. Between 1840 and 1870, Charles County farmers produced an average of 3.25 million pounds of tobacco per year. Despite soil exhaustion, the cultivation of tobacco has continued in Charles County.

National Register Evaluation:

Greenland, the house located at 9905 Springhill Newtown Road, is eligible under National Register Criteria C and D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the building and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). The building provides an example of vernacular rural architecture, and it displays a building form and construction materials dating from the early part of the 20th century (Criterion C). Due to the age of the property and the associated outbuildings, there is evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is National Registereligible.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Rural Agrarian Intensification (1680-1815) Agricultural-Industrial Transition (1815-1870)

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)

Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and

Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category:

Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s):

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

May 21, 1794: Samuel Hanson to Henry Massey Hanson

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Liber N4 Folio 264

c. 1835: Henry Massey Hanson devised to John M. Hanson

August 1835: John M. and Margaret L. Hanson to Hugh Cox

Land Records of Charles County

Liber IB21 Folio 429

March 11, 1837: Hugh Cox to John D. Hanson

Land Records of Charles County

Liber IB22 Folio 364

c. 1865: John D. Hanson devised to Elizabeth A. Hanson

June 20, 1867: Elizabeth A. Hanson to John D. Hanson

Land Records of Charles County

Liber GAH1 Folio 271

August 3, 1872: John D. and Mary P. Hanson to Patrick A. Murphy

Land Records of Charles County

Liber GAH3 Folio 476

c.1900: Patrick A. Murphy devised to James B. and

Charles A. Murphy

February 6, 1902: James B. Murphy to Charles A. Murphy

Land Records of Charles County

Liber BGS12 Folio 501

November 23, 1926: Lenora R. Murphy, Claude and Mabel Murphy,

Marion L. and James M. Hayden, and Walter J. Mitchell to Xavier W. and Mary R. M. Garner

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June 1, 1982: Barbara

Barbara Ann Howell, personal representative of the Estate of Mary R. M. Garner to Mary Lenore Jones, Katherine Guinette Turner, Barbara Ann

Howell, and Adelaide G. Garner Land Records of Charles County

Liber 838 Folio 1

June 8, 1982:

Mary Lenore Jones, Katherine Guinette Turner, Barbara Ann Howell, and Adelaide G. Garner to

Gordon R. Moreland

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June 14, 1982:

Gordon R. Moreland to Mary Lenore Jones, Katherine Guinette Turner, Barbara Ann Howell,

and Adelaide G. Garner

Land Records of Charles County

Liber 838 Folio 6

May 5, 1983:

Omar J. Jones, III, personal representative of the Estate of Leonore G. Jones (also known as Mary Lenore Jones) to Omar J. Jones III and

Elizabeth Susan Carroll

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Liber 900 Folio 69

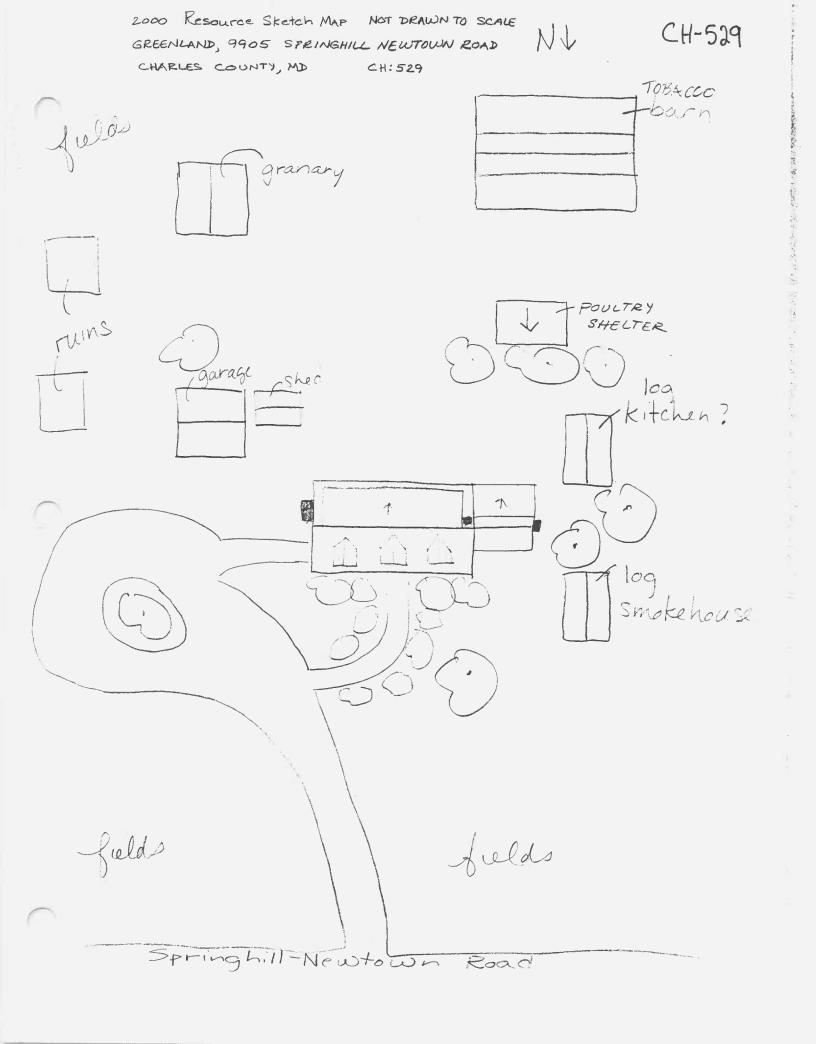
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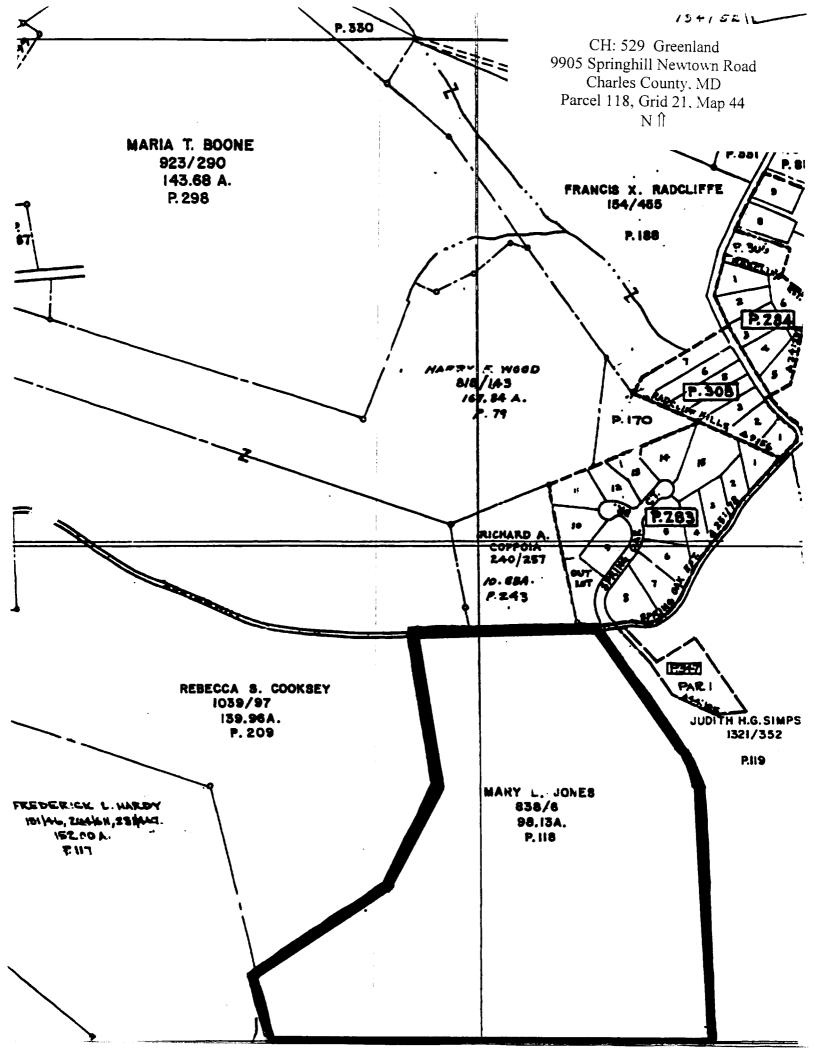
Omar J. Jones, III to Barbara Ann Howell, Katherine Guinette Turner, and Elizabeth Susan

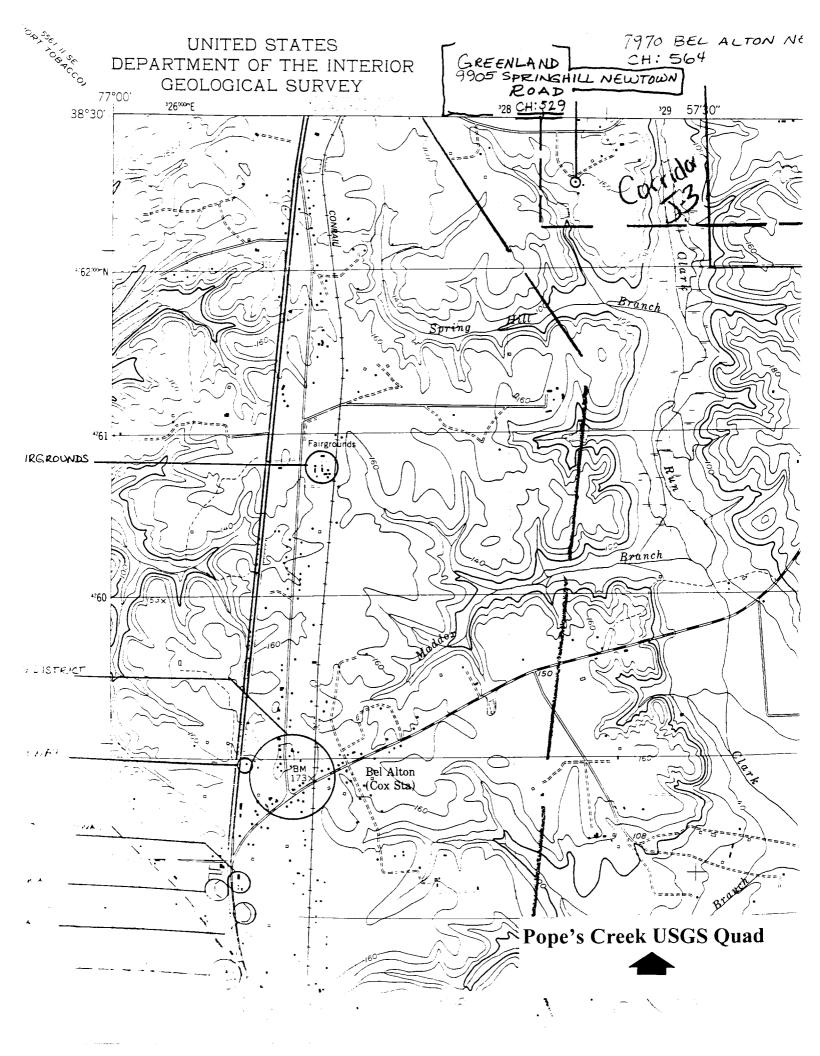
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